

## REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in the above-identified application in order to reduce the number of independent claims, prior to calculation of the filing fee. Moreover, the claims have been further amended into order to present the claims in better form for examination.

Specifically, applicants have cancelled claims 2-7 and 9-11 without prejudice or disclaimer, and have amended claim 8 to recite a microscopic fluid controlling apparatus "comprising" specific components.

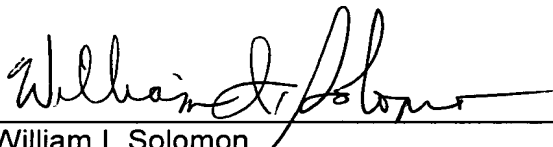
In addition, applicants are adding new claims 12-20 to the application. These claims 12-20 correspond respectively to claims 2-7 and 9-11, of the original claims in the above-identified application.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and subsequent thereto, examination of the above application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (840.44800X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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